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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady in the West, fully steady to firm elsewhere. Demand into all channels was overall light to moderate, with mixed trading. Supplies were sufficient, but mostly close balanced to tight of full trade needs with more shortages likely due to plant closures for New Years Day. In the parts structure, wings had best interest with supplies close to tight and clearing well. Breast items were sufficient and dark meat was at least adequate with mixed demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

The 12-CITY Weighted Average Price for 12/30/02 was 58.22, compared to 57.12 last week, and 55.66 a year ago.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to 62.00 cents full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 62.75 cents last year on January 2, 2002.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	171.50
BREASTS - B/S	140.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	67.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	57.50
LEG QUARTERS	18.00
WINGS	56.50

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand was seasonally fair to moderate, best into fast food for promotions. Supplies were close to tight and at times unable to satisfy full trade needs. Most plants are down tomorrow in observance of New Years which can possibly tighten supplies further; however, some Saturday processing is planned. In the parts structure, wings were barely adequate to short and continued to clear well. Breast items were no more than adequate and showed good movement, and dark meat was available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range, but mostly desirable.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to moderate entering the holiday. Offerings of the 3 pound sizes were tight and the larger birds were in close balance. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, breast items were sufficient. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Wings were tight.

MIDWEST Whole bird market tone was mostly firm. Offers were light for the limited to fair buyer interest. Retail demand was slow to moderate. Food service movement was light to good, best into fast food promotions, restaurants and catering. Floor stocks were in a full range. Weights generally desirable. Supplies of whole breasts adequate, wings short to close, boneless skinless breast available, and dark meat items generally available, instances short of full trade needs. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on wings, mostly steady to occasionally firm on all other items.

WESTERN The market tone was overall steady. Offerings were adequate to cover the moderate buying interest. Demand retailers moderate to fairly good, best for parts and whole body where features planned or in progress. Floor stocks were adequate. The market tone on parts was steady to firm with white meat items in the strongest position.

THE FOLLOWING REPORTS WILL BE ON FRIDAY'S
JANUARY 03, 2003, PUBLICATION.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

BROILER EGGS SET

BROILER CHICKS

CHICKS PLACEMENTS

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

POUNDS

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	881	120.00-195.00	125-133	128.99
TENDERLOINS	114	115.00-180.00	115-125	135.61
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	64.00-70.00	67-69	67.24
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	91	21.00-32.00	21-22	22.98
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	730	14.00-18.00	14-15.5	15.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,207	16.00-24.00	17-19	18.52
WINGS (WHOLE)	283	50.00-55.00	51-52	52.26
WINGS (CUT)	412	65.00-70.00	66-68	67.26
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR DECEMBER 31, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
39.00 - 42.00	40.00

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was mostly fair as dealers attempted to enter the holiday with closely cleared floor stocks. Offerings of breast items were sufficient. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Wings were no more than adequate to tight. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings and about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	125.61	653,050
TENDERLOINS	105-110	110.17	189,515
BREAST - WITH RIBS	63-64	70.11	140,800
BREAST - LINE RUN	63	64.06	241,520
LEGS	31-32	27.56	371,200
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.00	683,185
DRUMSTICKS	21-22	28.26	134,866
THIGHS	20-21	31.23	66,260
B/S THIGHS	62-63	62.05	86,260
WINGS (WHOLE)	52-53	54.66	152,320
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.25	41,480
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	32.08	18,480
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.74	16,750

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	12/31	12/27	12/27	12/24	12/20
ALA	3,667	4,433	5.08	1,791	4.82
ARK	3,008	7,030	4.94	716	4.50
DELMARVA	1,784	3,446	5.31	1,042	5.12
KY-LA-TN	1,434	1,808	4.75	225	4.40
MISS	2,440	3,307	5.12	1,858	5.36
NC	1,930	3,238	6.17	1,181	5.98
TEXAS	2,163	4,114	4.86	1,759	4.59
TOTAL	16,426	27,376	5.15	8,572	0.00
MON-TUE	37,762 (A)			28,776 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 31-Dec 2002 is estimated to be 24,576,000 up 91.06 percent from a week ago and up 4204.03 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 12,863,000 last year 571,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	89-91
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	69-75

DUCKS
RABBITS-WHOLE
RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	96-102
	ICE PACK	92-94
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	113
	ICE PACK	104
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	
	ICE PACK	92-98
DUCKS		152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

TO BE RELEASED 1/2/03

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
LBS	LBS

REPORT NOT AVAILABLE

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
12/30/02	12/23/02	12/31/01	12/30/02	12/23/02	12/31/01
PACIFIC					
COAST	not	6,667	4,844	not	5,267
LOS	available		available		3,359
ANGELES		111	162		3,720
					1,824

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 30, 2002

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
		61-66
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	62-79

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 12/30/02

	LO	HI	AVG		LO	HI	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	.90	.55	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	2.00	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	.40	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	.60	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	1.50	3.50	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	.50	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	2.75	-
ROOSTERS lb.	1.00	1.20	1.09	ROOSTERS ea.	-	6.50	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.70	2.85	1.35	DUCKS ea.	-	3.75	-
RABBITS lb.	.80	1.30	1.14	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	4.00	5.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	6.25	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	6.75	-
SILKIES ea.	-	1.00	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 66

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending December 27, 2002

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	53.72	132.11	70.46	8.81	17.61	46.24
High	58.13	140.92	79.27	17.61	22.02	46.24
Mostly	55.05	132.11	74.86	8.81	17.61	46.24

SAN JUAN

Low	59.89	127.71	83.67	17.61	13.21	53.72
High	63.41	136.51	96.88	26.42	17.61	53.72
Mostly	61.21	132.11	88.07	22.02	14.53	53.72

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	53.72	127.71	70.46	8.81	13.21	46.24
High	58.13	132.11	79.27	17.61	17.61	46.24
Mostly	57.25	132.11	74.86	8.81	17.61	46.24

BECERRA

Low	60.77	127.71	79.27	22.02	13.21	51.96
High	61.65	132.11	92.48	26.42	19.82	51.96
Mostly	61.21	127.71	83.67	24.22	15.41	51.96

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly fair to moderate and sufficient in keeping available offerings in good balance to short of immediate needs. Live supplies were about moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were very light as most plants worked reduced schedules. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 57 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was firm. In the parts complex, wings were in close balance to tight and well cleared. Dark meat items were at least adequate. Other items were generally noted as in close balance.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED
	U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	52-70
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	59.80
NO. OF BOXES	12,286

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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